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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 20, 2005, the following response is submitted. Applicants respectfully request that this reply be entered into the record as a substantive reply to the outstanding Office Action.